

(d) to what extent Government's initiative towards the target of educating all children under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan is significant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) An amount of Rs. 549.72 crore has been released by Government of India to Bihar under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Programme so far in the current financial year. The educational backwardness of a State/region is considered while appraising annual district plans and allocating funds.

(c) The share of Bihar in the proposed construction of additional classrooms and recruitment of teachers is 106,669 and 80522 respectively.

(d) Significant progress has been made in reduction of out of school children in the 6-14 year age group, since the launch of the SSA programme.

#### **Amount allocated for development of Urdu Language**

†2741. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount allocated for development of Urdu Language during the last five years, year-wise; and

(b) the State-wise details of the heads under which this amount was spent alongwith the amount spent separately under each of these heads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The total amount allocated to the National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL), which is an autonomous organisation under Ministry of HRD for the promotion of Urdu Language during the last five years is as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Amount
2002-03	975.00
2003-04	975.00
2004-05	1100.00
2005-06	1100.00
2006-07	1400.00

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) No State-wise allocation/release is made since the entire amount is released to NCPUL.

**Conversion of first three universities into Central Universities**

2742. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that none of the first three universities set up in the country have been made Central University;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government would consider making them Central Universities;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) if so, by when such a decision will be taken and implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

**Test of competency for teaching through Hindi in KVs**

2743. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that proficiency/competency of teaching the subject through Hindi medium is being tested through a written examination for the posts of teachers in Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) whether Government are aware that candidates from non-Hindi speaking States like Tamil Nadu have been rendered ineligible to apply for the post of teachers in Kendriya Vidyalayas because of this new requirement; and

(c) whether Government would immediately do away with this requirement to render justice to the affected candidates?